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Basic programme of work of the Council

**Proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2001
and 2002**

Note by the Secretary-General

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I. Proposed provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2001 of the Council and list of documents for each agenda item

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on proposed themes for the high-level and coordination segments of the 2002 substantive session of the Council (General Assembly resolution 50/227, annex I)

High-level segment

2. Role of the United Nations system in supporting the efforts of African countries to achieve sustainable development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Council decision 2000/303)

World Economic and Social Survey, 2001

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its third session (Council resolution 2000/34)

Report of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on the Causes of Conflict and the Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa (A/55/45, chap. IV) (General Assembly resolution 55/217)

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment

3. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

(a) Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the triennial policy review of operational activities for development undertaken by the United Nations system, and addenda (General Assembly resolutions 35/81 and 53/192 and Council resolutions 2000/19 and 2000/20)¹

¹ Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.

(b) Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme

Documentation

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund on its first regular session, second regular session and annual session (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its first regular session and annual session (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its 2000 sessions (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (General Assembly resolutions 50/8 and 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

(c) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Documentation

Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 33/134)¹

Coordination segment

- 4. Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following theme: role of the United Nations in promoting development, particularly with respect to access to and transfer of knowledge and technology, especially information and communication technologies, inter alia through partnerships with relevant stakeholders, including the private sector**

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Council decision 2000/303)

Progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2000 of the Council (also under item 6)

Humanitarian affairs segment

5. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the further progress in strengthening the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (General Assembly resolutions 46/182, annex, and 55/164 and Council decision 2000/243)¹

Oral report on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda (Council resolution 1983/46)

General segment

6. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the major United Nations conferences and summits

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of agreed conclusions 2000/1 of the coordination segment of the Council on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda (General Assembly resolutions 45/264 and 50/227)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of agreed conclusions 2000/2 of the coordination segment of the Council on the integrated and coordinated conference follow-up, in particular the views expressed by functional commissions (General Assembly resolutions 45/264 and 50/227)

Progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2000 of the Council (see A/55/3, chap. III) (also under item 4)

Report of the executive boards of the United Nations funds and programmes on the review of the common country assessment indicator frameworks (Council resolution 2000/27)

7. Coordination, programme and other questions

(a) Reports of coordination bodies

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-first session
Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 2000

(b) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

Documentation

Relevant sections of the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-first session

- (c) **Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (UNAIDS)**

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (UNAIDS) (Council resolutions 1996/47 and 1999/36)

- (d) **Calendar of conferences in the economic, social and related fields**

Documentation

Draft calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields for 2002-2003

- (e) **International cooperation in the field of informatics**

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up action taken on Council resolution 2000/28

- (f) **Long-term programme of support for Haiti**

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Council decision 2000/235)

- (g) **Malaria and diarrhoeal diseases, in particular cholera**

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization (Council resolution 1998/36)

8. **Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B**

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields (General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B and Council resolutions 1999/1 and 1999/51)

Consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council in 2001 (Council resolutions 1998/46, 1999/1 and 1999/55)

Note by the Secretary-General on the special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions (Council resolution 1999/51)

Report by the Secretary-General updating document E/1996/97 and Add.1 on the subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly in the economic, social and related fields

9. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (Council resolution 2100 (LXIII) and General Assembly resolution 55/173)¹

Report of the President of the Council on consultations held with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (Council resolution 2000/30)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 2000/30

10. Regional cooperation

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (Council decision 1979/1), including the report of the Secretary-General on a subject relating to interregional cooperation of common interest to all regions (Council resolution 1982/50 and Council decision 1982/174)

Note by the Secretary-General on a Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar (Council resolution 1999/37)

Summary of the economic survey of Europe, 2000

Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Africa, 2000

Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Asia and the Pacific, 2001

Summary of the economic survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 2000

Summary of economic and social developments in the region of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, 2000

11. Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 2000/31 and General Assembly resolution 55/209¹

12. Non-governmental organizations

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and Council decision 1995/304)

13. Economic and environmental questions

(a) Sustainable development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its ninth session (Council decisions 1993/207 and 2000/227)

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its third session (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX), 1625 (LI) and 2000/34)

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress achieved in the implementation of paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 46/206 and on recommendations on additional measures that can be taken to ensure a smooth transition from least developed country status for graduating countries (Council resolution 2000/34)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the benefits derived by the least developed countries on the basis of their inclusion in the list of the least developed countries and on the practical impact of the measures in favour of least developed countries, including an assessment of the implications of graduation for the Maldives (Council resolution 2000/34)

(b) Science and technology for development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its fifth session (Council decisions 1992/218 and 1999/274)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the coordinating role of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (General Assembly resolution 55/185)¹

(c) Statistics

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-second session (Council resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II), 1566 (L) and 1999/8 and Council decision 2000/228)

(d) Human settlements

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Human Settlements on its eighteenth session (General Assembly resolution 32/162)¹

(e) Environment

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-first session (General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII))¹

Report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment (General Assembly resolution 39/229)¹

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 55/197 on international cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon¹

(f) Women in development

Documentation

Relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-fifth session

(g) Transport of dangerous goods

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals on its twenty-first session and on the implementation of Council resolution 1999/62 (Council resolutions 724 C (XXVIII), 1488 (XLVIII), 1983/7 and 1999/65)

(h) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (General Assembly resolution 54/219)¹

(i) Population and development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its thirty-fourth session (General Assembly resolution 48/128 and Council decisions 1995/209 and 2000/233)

(j) Energy and natural resources for development

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development on its second session (Council resolution 1998/46, annex I, and Council decisions 1999/276 and 1999/277)

(k) Public administration and development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the five-year assessment of the progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/225 (General Assembly resolution 53/201)¹

(l) Cartography**Documentation**

Report of the Secretary-General on the Seventh United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas (Council decision 1997/292)

(m) International cooperation in tax matters**Documentation**

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters at its tenth meeting (Council resolutions 1273 (XLIII) and 1765 (LIV) and Council decision 2000/232)

(n) Forum on Forests**Documentation**

Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its first session (Council resolution 2000/35)

(o) Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions**Documentation**

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions (A/55/295 and Add.1) (Council resolution 2000/32 and General Assembly resolution 55/157)

Note by the Secretary-General on assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions (Council resolution 2000/32 and General Assembly resolution 55/157)

(p) Global Code of Ethics for Tourism**Documentation**

Note by the Secretariat

14. Social and human rights questions**(a) Advancement of women****Documentation**

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women)¹

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-fifth session (Council resolutions 11 (II) and 1147 (XLI) and Council decision 2000/237)

Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Council resolution 1998 (LX))

Report of the Secretary-General on a new draft system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women, 2002-2005 (Council resolutions 1996/34 and 1999/16)

Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to and progress in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (General Assembly resolutions 50/203 and 55/71)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 2000/24 on the revitalization and strengthening of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

(b) Social development

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-ninth session, including suggestions and recommendations to further the contribution of volunteering to social development (Council resolutions 10 (III) and 1996/7, Council decision 2000/238 and General Assembly resolution 55/57)

Report of the Secretary-General on a proposal for a United Nations literacy decade (General Assembly resolution 54/122)¹

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 54/123 on cooperatives in social development¹

Report of the Secretary-General on the appropriate ways and means to observe the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2004 (General Assembly resolution 54/124)¹

Report of the Secretary-General on the world social situation (General Assembly resolution 44/56)¹

(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its tenth session (Council resolution 1992/1 and decision 2000/239)

Report of the open-ended expert group containing draft terms of reference for the negotiation of the future international legal instrument against corruption (General Assembly resolution 55/61)²

(d) Narcotic drugs

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its forty-fourth session (Council resolution 9 (I) and Council decision 2000/240)

² The open-ended expert group will meet in Vienna from 30 July to 3 August 2001.

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board (article 15 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961; article 18 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971; and article 23 of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances)

(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Documentation

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees¹

Oral report on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (General Assembly resolution 55/77)

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolutions 48/91 and 55/84)

(g) Human rights

Documentation

Report of the Human Rights Committee (article 45 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights)¹

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolutions 1988 (LX) and 1985/17)

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its fifty-seventh session (Council resolutions 5 (I) and 9 (II))

Question to be addressed

Human rights in Afghanistan (General Assembly resolution 55/119)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)¹

II. Questions for inclusion in the programme of work of the Council for 2002 and list of documents for each agenda item³

Substantive session of 2002

A. High-level segment

[Theme/themes to be selected]

World Economic and Social Survey, 2002

B. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation:

[Theme/themes to be selected for consideration at the high-level meeting of the segment]

Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly

Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum: impact of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework in the field of operational activities (General Assembly resolution 53/192)

Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund on its first regular session, second regular session and annual session (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its first regular session and annual session (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

³ It is expected that the following list of questions will be revised in the light of the Council's deliberations on the proposed programme of work for 2001.

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its 2001 sessions (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (General Assembly resolutions 50/8 and 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

C. Coordination segment

Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following themes:

[Theme/themes to be selected]

D. Humanitarian affairs segment

Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordination of humanitarian emergency assistance of the United Nations (General Assembly resolution 46/182, annex)¹

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to Mozambique (General Assembly resolution 55/167)¹

Oral report on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda (Council resolution 1983/46)

E. General segment

Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the major United Nations conferences and summits

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the agreed conclusions of the 2001 coordination segment of the Council (General Assembly resolution 45/264, annex)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolutions 1999/55, section II and 2000/27 on basic indicators for the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits at all levels

Coordination, programme and other questions

Reports of coordination bodies

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-second session

Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 2001

Proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005

Relevant chapters of the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-second session

Tobacco or health

Report of the Secretary-General on the continuing work of the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control (Council decision 2000/236)

Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B

Report of the Secretary-General on restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields (Council resolution 1999/1)

Consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council in 2002 (Council resolution 1998/46)

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples By the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (Council resolution 2100 (LXIII))¹

Regional cooperation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (Council decision 1979/1), including the report of the Secretary-General on a subject relating to interregional cooperation of common interest to all regions (Council resolution 1982/50 and decision 1982/174)

Summaries of the surveys of economic conditions in the five regions prepared by the regional commissions (Council resolution 1724 (LIII))

Non-governmental organizations

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and Council decision 1995/304)

Economic and environmental questions

Sustainable development

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its tenth session (Council decision 1993/207)

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its fourth session (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX), 1625 (LI) and 2000/34)

Public administration and finance

Report of the Secretary-General on the Sixteenth Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance (Council resolution 1199 (XLI) and decision 2000/231)

Population and development

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its thirty-fifth session (General Assembly resolution 49/128, para. 25, and Council decision 1995/209)

Statistics

Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-third session (Council resolutions 1768 (LIV) and 1999/8)

Social and human rights questions***Advancement of women***

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women)¹

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-sixth session (Council resolutions 11 (II) and 1147 (XLI))

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to and progress in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and on the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (General Assembly resolutions 50/203 and 55/71)

Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Council resolution 1998 (LX))

Social development

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its fortieth session (Council resolutions 10 (III) and 1996/7)

Crime prevention and criminal justice

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its eleventh session (Council resolution 1992/1)

Narcotic drugs

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its forty-fifth session (Council resolution 9 (I))

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board (article 15 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961; article 18 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971; and article 23 of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances)

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees¹

Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 48/91)

Human rights

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its fifty-eighth session (Council resolutions 5 (I) and 9 (II))

Report of the Human Rights Committee (article 45 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights)¹

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolutions 1988 (LX) and 1985/17)

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (General Assembly resolution 44/25, annex)¹

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)¹
